

House Resolution 587

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Frazier of the 123rd, Stephens of the 161st, and Gordon of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Mr. David M. Dupree and inviting him to appear before the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. David M. Dupree is an honest and dedicated man who strives for
4 excellence in all his endeavors as evidenced dramatically by his many years of superlative
5 service as an outstanding teacher, coach, and life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
6 Inc.; and

7 WHEREAS, he was born on September 10, 1924, in Clemson, South Carolina, and he earned
8 a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson C. Smith University, a Master of Arts from New
9 York University, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Paine College and pursued
10 additional studies at Benedict College and Wayne State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Dupree began his teaching career as a biology teacher and a basketball and
12 football coach at Bell Street High School in Clinton, South Carolina, and one year later, he
13 was offered a job as biology teacher and head coach in Augusta, Georgia, at A. R. Johnson
14 High School and eventually became head football coach at Lucy Laney High School; and

15 WHEREAS, during his football coaching career at Lucy Laney and Bell Street High Schools,
16 he amassed 210 wins, 12 ties, and 79 losses; and

17 WHEREAS, under his leadership and guidance, both Lucy Laney and Bell Street High
18 Schools earned state championships, and Lucy Laney High School led the nation in football
19 scoring in 1966 with an average of 54.5 points per game; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious football program, he also coached an outstanding
21 track team from 1949 until 1984; and

22 WHEREAS, he retired from the Augusta public school system after spending 35 years as a
23 teacher and head coach at Lucy Laney High School but continued inspiring and motivating
24 athletes as the head track and cross-country coach at Paine College for 14 years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Dupree is a lifetime member and founder of the Augusta chapter of Kappa
26 Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and serves as a mentor for many of Augusta's youth, grooming
27 them to be leaders in the future; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a devoted family man to his wife, Vivian Key Dupree, two daughters,
29 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and a dedicated member of his community, actively
30 involved in Tabernacle Baptist Church where he is a former choir member, Sunday school
31 superintendent, and trustee; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state and his
33 community, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary
34 commitment and accomplishments of this outstanding individual.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend Mr. David M. Dupree for his years of dedicated service
37 and invite him to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
38 designated by the Speaker of the House.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. David M. Dupree.